Colorado Economic Recovery Accountability Board Meeting Summary Sept. 22, 2009 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING DATE

Sept. 22, 2009 Centennial Hall, Citizens Meeting Room 124 10th St. Steamboat Springs, CO MEETING PARTICIPANTS

A. Board Members:

Don Elliman (chair), André Pettigrew, Don Marostica, Ray Baker, State Treasurer Cary Kennedy, Taryn Edwards, Tony Hernandez, Reeves Brown, Admiral Richard Truly, Sandy Gutierrez

Guests:

Sue Tuffin, Wendy DuBord, Steve Hoots, Wade Kloos, John Boyd, Susan Hallard, Kate Novak, Brian Bradburn, Jackie Mitchell

B. Governor's Office:

Mark Cavanaugh, Myung Kim, Brenda Morrison, Kyle Miller, Chris Smith, Seth Portner, Linda Gallegos

MEETING SUMMARY

A. Introduction

Elliman called the meeting to order and gave an update on Maranda Pleau, the staff Outreach Coordinator for Minority and Small Business. Pleau has been touring the state county by county meeting with people and informing them about ARRA opportunities. Due to recent health issues, her tour has been put on hold.

B. Update on Monday Outreach Meeting and Tour by Mark Cavanaugh and Myung Kim

The CERAB team was in Craig Colorado and met with members of the public. They also toured the home of a woman who was the recipient of an ARRA weatherization grant.

C. Report by Seth Portner, Deputy Director for the Governor's Energy Office about their Programs.

Portner presented on the State's Energy program which included ARRA funding for the Energy Program, Low Income Weatherization program, and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants. This presentation can be found online at Colorado.gov/recovery.

D. Update from Chris Smith about the Reporting Process

The first report from all prime recipients of ARRA funds is due to the Federal Government on October 10th. Colorado will submit their data on October 7th. Smith has been working with the State Controller's office and the Governor's Office of Information Technology to meet with, and train all state recipients on reporting requirements to ensure compliance. During October, information regarding reporting will be updated to Colorado.gov/recovery and the "What it Means for Colorado" document (which can also be found at Colorado.gov/recovery).

E. Report by Brenda Morrison about Competitive Grants

Morrison presented on healthcare sector grants and Pathways out of Poverty grants. This presentation can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery.

F. Report by Sue Tuffin, Director of the Mesa County Workforce Center in Grand Junction

Tuffin is collaborating with 17 counties in applying for a Dept. of Labor grant that is specific to healthcare related job training. Other partners involved with this grant include Pueblo Community College, which is offering a "basic skills academy" that includes pre-health care classes, Columbine long- term nursing center in Northern Colorado who want training dollars to advance the job skills of their low wage incumbent workers, the Denver Metro Area who want funding for medical billing and coding training, and the Wells Center in Aurora which offers specialized healthcare education with a simulator. The grant will serve a minimum a 1000 people across the state.

G. Report by President John Boyd of Colorado Northwest Community College on State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

The College has received over \$600,000 from ARRA funds which is 18% of their budget. They have used most of the one-time dollars for deferred maintenance costs. They are building a new campus in Craig that will cost approximately \$38 mil. They are financing \$4 mil. of those costs with the Build America Bonds, which are offered at a 4.5% interest rate. Additionally they are applying for \$1.25 mil. in ARRA funds that are specifically earmarked for the construction of community colleges. They have submitted a grant to the Department of Energy for \$430,000 (a 50% match grant) that will be used in Craig to construct a completely geothermal campus.

H. Report by Jane Toothaker, Executive Director of Northwest Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) on ARRA K-12 funds used in the local school districts

One of their functions is to apply for and to distribute ARRA funds. There are 21 BOCES throughout the state. They submitted grant applications to the Colorado Dept. of Education (who is the prime recipient) for reading and math, technology, and IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) ages 3-21 years and preschool age 3-5 years. The total ARRA funds requested for 09-10 and 10-11 school years is \$1,127,091. The funds will used for among other things, staff development in the areas of reading and math (and for all teaching staff working with students with disabilities), progress monitoring systems, materials for student use in the classroom and capital improvements. They have not received final approval of the funds.

The handout "NW Colorado BOCES ARRA Funding Update 9/22/09" which was distributed at the meeting can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

I. Public Comment

Wade Kloos representing ESRI Information Systems. Mr. Kloos' company provides GIS (Geographic Information Systems) technology. He stated that a recent GEO (Governor's Energy Office) request for proposal did not include geospatial technology. Kloos contacted GEO with a no bid letter making recommendations. Elliman suggested Kloos continue to follow-up with GEO.

J. Next Meeting, Other Business

The next meeting will be held in Colorado Springs at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs on October 28th at 1pm.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.